

City's Social Life

THE GAYETIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Events in Society.

If the past week be taken for a criterion of what is to come, the society folk will be very gay during the spring months. Besides the usual numerous teas and receptions the Easter month is a very popular one for weddings and two of importance will take place this week. Miss Schleicher and Mr. Hadley will have a quiet home wedding Wednesday evening, which will be followed by a large reception. The marriage of Miss Woolen and Mr. Dark will take place the same evening in the First Baptist Church and there will be no reception afterward.

Ping pong, the game so much talked of and so popular, loses half its mystery when one discovers that it is scarcely more than a miniature game of tennis played on a smooth table. But surely if there is any truth in the automobile race, etc., the next kind of a village will be the ping-pong race. The attention and anxiety the fascinating little ball causes one while following its unexpected maneuvers is certainly enough to impart a look of wild determination on the face of even the infrequent player, not to speak of the constant devotees of the game.

Girls Will Give a Play.

The play to be presented at English's Saturday night, April 19, by the senior class of the Girls' Classical School is a dramatization of the Aeneid of Virgil. The translation of the well-known love story of Aeneas and Dido has been admirably arranged for the stage, and closely follows the original. Aeneas, son of Venus and Prince of Troy, after the downfall of that city, having set sail with his band of exiles, seeking Italy, where he should build "another Troy," is shipwrecked with a number of his comrades on the coast of Africa, where Phoenician Dido, also an exile from her native land, is founding a city—Carthage. Here he is hospitably received by the beautiful queen, who, through the stratagem of Venus in substituting Cupid for the son of Aeneas, becomes infatuated with the strange king who lingers at Carthage, forgetful of the high destiny to which the fates have called him. By the prayers of Iarbas, a Moorish sailor of Dido's, Jupiter is moved to interfere, and sends Mercury to remind Aeneas of the purpose with which he has set out from Troy and to admonish him to seek at once his destined Italy. Aeneas obeys the admonition of the god, and, notwithstanding the entreaties and assurances of Dido, hastens his departure, his feet sailing away in the light of Dido's funeral pyre. The play is presented in three acts of several scenes each. The first act, opening with a hymn to Dawn by a chorus of Carthaginian maidens, depicts the arrival of Aeneas and his crew; the appearance of Venus in the guise of a huntress who directs him to the city; the meeting with Dido, the plots of the goddesses and the thunderstorm which overtakes the queen's hunting party. The subsequent acts portray the complaint of Iarbas to Jupiter, the consequent warning to Aeneas, his leaving of the queen, and the despair and suicide of Dido. The play admits of varied and beautiful scenic effects, and is thoroughly dramatic in spirit and intense in action. While Aeneas, the venturesome hero, and Dido, the ill-fated queen, are of course the central figures, a brilliant setting is made by the gods and goddesses, who, as protecting deities of each, display their power and craftiness, and the soldiers, knights and ladies in their train form a brilliant assemblage. The songs interspersed through the play add greatly to its charm and effectiveness. The play is given to illustrate the work of the Girls' Classical School in literary appreciation, in voice culture and reading. Mr. Edgar A. Morris is stage director. Friends of the school can obtain from the pupils, or from any one connected with the school, invitations which will enable them to purchase tickets at the box office on or after April 17.

Club Programmes.

Fortnightly Literary Club—April 8. Annual election. Kappa Alpha Theta—April 12. With Mrs. A. A. Lockridge. Guest star. Principals' Club—April 8. "Schoolhouse Hygiene," by Dr. J. N. Hurty. Sorosis Club—April 8. With Mrs. Abner Lewis, 317 East St. Clair street. Century Club—April 8. "A Group of Southern Writers," by Frank A. Preston. Veronica Club—April 12. With Mrs. Henry Warrum, 2619 North Meridian street. Winona Chataqua Reading Circle—April 7. With Mrs. Stewart, at the Blachere. Indianapolis Literary Club—April 7. "Robert Louis Stevenson," by Hector F. Eber. Monday Conversation Club—April 7. With Mrs. George J. Mayer, 2015 North Alabama street. Catherine Merrill Club—April 12. "A Week in Wales," by Miss Emily Fletcher. "The Bhagavadgita," by Mrs. Louis H. Gibson. Irvington Tuesday Club—April 8. With Mrs. James Braden. Election of officers. "The Pan-American Exposition," by the club. Philomathean Club—April 11. With Mrs. G. O. Eldridge. "American Poets: Their Best Thoughts and Influence," leader, Mrs. Crossman. Clio Club—April 11. With Mrs. Charles Nordyke. Election; miscellaneous programme, arranged by Mrs. W. P. Socwell and Mrs. A. P. Coate. German Literary Club—April 8. With Mrs. Bertha Test. "Sayings of Rhen, Harts and Schwartzwald," by Mrs. Parkhurst. Mrs. Karmann and Mrs. Severin. Ladies' Literary Union—April 3. With Mrs. Leona Scudder. "Women of the Bible," by Mrs. Natalie Fontaine; birthday responses from proverbs; music. Culture Club—April 8. With Mrs. Putnam, 1012 Park avenue. Character sketch of William Dean Howells and "The Rise of Silas Marner," by Mrs. J. L. D. Chandler. Over the Teacups Club—April 11. With Mrs. Arthur N. Lwyer. "Russia in Central Asia," by Mrs. W. W. Woolen. In the House and Tea Gardens," by Mrs. John W. Jones. Twentieth Century Club—April 8. With Mrs. Cassel. "The Twentieth Century Women," by Mrs. Ellis; "Home Discipline," by Mrs. Fox; recitation, by Mrs. Thompson; music, by Mrs. Metz. Thursday Afternoon Club—April 10. With Mrs. T. F. Overman. "Eugene Field," by Mrs. Edwards; Favorite Poem, by Mrs. Edwards.

SHORT AND POINTED

The Food Was Grape-Nuts.

It helps one to know the kind of food to select if one can learn the experiences others have had. "I consider it my duty to let you know what Grape-Nuts Food has done for me. I was suffering from dyspepsia and daily stomach trouble. After taking many kinds of medicines without finding relief I saw a description of Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food and began using it regularly, and in less than two weeks my indigestion was entirely gone. "When I began using the food I weighed 125 pounds; I now weigh 160 pounds and feel stronger than I have ever felt before. Thanks and praise to the makers of Grape-Nuts." Name and address given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

A. J. Mullan; "The Life of Florence Nightingale," by Mrs. C. J. Linton. Friday Afternoon Reading Club—April 11. With Mrs. Mary Rice. "Louis Agassiz," by Mrs. Augusta W. Paver; reading, by Mrs. Ida S. McBride; humorous anecdote, by Mrs. Hill; music; miscellaneous quotations.

Social Customs in Washington.

Letter in Baltimore Sun. There is an extensive class of professional diners-out. They study how to make themselves desirable and to be regarded as acquisitions. In this list there is a sharp sprinkling of the younger and unmarried members of the diplomatic corps. These will take everything in sight, and when not in sight will ask for it. Many senators and representatives who do not keep house are always open for invitations. There was a man not now in Congress, but who figured conspicuously for twenty years. He was a superb courtier. He could whisper airy nothings with a grace of gesture and an eloquence of tongue which captivated women and made men envious. It was said of him that during his whole twenty years in Washington he never had to pay for his dinner. He was one of the public men who did not bring his wife to Washington. There are others. There are members of Congress who for years have gone about everywhere, and although it is common report that they have wives at home, you would not know it from anything they say. Necessary economy is not infrequently the cause of this, for, as intimated, many of these men have nothing but their salaries. Again there are instances where the absence of the wife may be traced to feelings of pride. You know, in our country, where the highest preference is open to all, no matter how humble, men get into public position who are entirely destitute of early advantages. The wife, coming from the same class, has been kept at home, while the husband is out in the world rubbing off his rough edges by constant contact with his fellows. So it is natural both should shrink from the idea of her coming to Washington and throwing herself into the maelstrom where there is so much polish and brilliancy, so much keenness and criticism, so much disparagement, so much emulation. However, it is often observed wives and daughters catch on to the ways of society and the amenities of good manners quicker and better than the head of the family. The wife of a certain senator whose name is much in the papers was so awfully shy, so painfully out of place, so conspicuously embarrassed when plucked from her country home and thrown headlong into cosmopolitan society that the hardest of hearts, the most merciless of critics were fain to pity her. To-day there is no more accomplished woman of the world to be found. She asks points of no one. Not only is she authority on diction and all that sort of thing, but she is well up on politics and political intrigues, and the husband is constantly indebted to her for suggestions and counsel.

There is another custom which, I imagine, is rather peculiar to Washington. Persons of note are always receiving invitations not only from those they do not know, but from those of whom they have never heard. If convenient, one never has any hesitation in accepting such invitations. Yet it does look queer to see a man come in to a dinner or whatnot and ask for the host and hostess to be pointed out to him. One evening this winter a gentleman entered a house just as the guests were getting ready to go out to dinner. No one knew him and he knew no one, but he immediately made himself comfortable. After awhile the host politely requested him to step out to the hall, and then said: "Have you made a mistake as to the house?" The stranger said: "Well, I don't know. I was invited by Mr. So and so to dine with him. He told me that his house was in this neighborhood, and as I saw people coming in here, I concluded this was his place." The Mr. So and so resided next door and the stranger was informed to that effect. Upon learning this he said he would have withdrawn with as little display as possible. Not so, for, as a matter of fact, he was a member of Congress from the far West, the wild and woolly West, indeed. He came back and stood in the hall for some time, and then made a regular speech to the assembled company, telling them he was not sorry to have been mistaken for a stranger, and he hoped they would all have a good time. Then he bowed and left.

There is a considerable class of men of leisure and purely clubmen in Washington. Professional men and department officials are all through with the serious work of the day by 4 o'clock, and are always many of the higher grades of business men. This affords exceptional opportunities for men to make afternoon calls, yet only a very small fraction of those in a position to do so avail themselves of the occasion. The men generally do not seem to care for this sort of thing. The few who do go profit by this, for the women are so glad to see a man make his appearance in the evening that they almost eat him up. Very often the same man at night, when he is not a solitary diner-out, makes a pleasant dinner for them. Even at most evening affairs, except dinners, the attendance of the old habitués steadily diminishes as the evening wears on. It is a common sight at evening receptions, more especially those at the White House, to see one man with two or three women in tow. Pity his sufferings. You may also see a man for a dinner, or a party, but you can never be sure of him for anything else.

Society's Games.

New York Mail and Express. Society will play games this season—all the old ones, like polo, golf, tennis and even croquet, and the newer ones, squash, ping-pong and badminton. The town is mad on the subject of ping-pong, and no boys at marbles ever had half the enthusiasm of the grown-ups, who play the game as though their lives depended on it. At the Waldorf-Astoria, the ballroom of the big red room is given up to ping-pong, and brokers and other busy men hurry from down town in the afternoon to play. Vacant stores are furnished with layouts and in several places along Broadway crowds about the windows with faces pressed against the glass like small boys gravely watch the games. Everywhere on board the invitation, "Come up this evening and we'll play ping-pong," and there is at least one guarantee against a dull evening in private houses.

Personal and Social Notes.

Miss Christy, of Cincinnati, is the guest of Miss Jane Kyle. Miss Bess Ensminger, of Columbus, is visiting Mrs. J. L. Eastburn. Miss Bessie Cowan, of Crawfordville, is the guest of Mrs. Allison Maxwell. The Social Circle will be entertained Monday evening, April 7, at the home of Mrs. Otto Miller, who has returned from Florida, where he went to regain his health. Mrs. L. A. Kinsey has discontinued her day at home for the rest of the season. The marriage of Miss Bess Holtz and Mr. Sidney P. Muir will occur early in May. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Graves returned last night from a three weeks' visit in Florida. Mrs. Joseph Cobb, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss Ray and Miss Lucia Ray in Woodlawn Place. The Minnet Club will give its last dance of the season Tuesday evening at Brenneke's Academy. Miss Lewis, who has been visiting Mrs. T. C. Day, will return to her home in Kenosha, Wis., to-morrow. Miss Kate Smith will return Tuesday from an extended visit in New York, Hampton, N. H., and Springfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eastman have returned from their trip through Mexico and California. Mrs. H. C. Pfafflin, of Cincinnati, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Moffet, of West New York. Miss Louise Spalding, who came for the Allen-Krauss wedding, returned yesterday to her home in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. McKelzie and Miss McKelzie will entertain the St. John's Club at the Occidental Hotel Tuesday evening. Miss Kate Ward, Miss Anna Toussay and Miss Mayne Ruhlman will go to Lafayette this week to visit Mrs. Robert McGrath. Beginning Thursday morning, the meetings of the Flower Mission will be held in the Jones room of the St. Paul parish house. Miss Myra Smith will give a shower Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Ida (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4, PART 2)

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Suit Hats as light as a feather are here and these, too, surprise you by their moderate prices, many of them to be found here alone in prices, \$8.00 to..... **\$2.25**

Silk Poppies, 18 in a bunch, long stems..... **\$1.00**

Several new patterns of Body Hats for to-morrow at \$3.00 down **98c**

White Goods

The import orders placed on White Goods by this house were treble those of previous years. Where in Indianapolis may one find these exclusive modish patterns and cloths. The only modern up-to-date assortment in the city.

Fancy figured P. K. and Madras stripes and spots..... **25c**

50 pieces beautiful mercerized broadened Madras, Jacquard weaves that look like silks and satins, 65c, 50c and..... **45c**

Beautiful quality of mercerized Oxford Madras Hop-sacking..... **50c**

Illuminated mercerized stripe Chevots, the choicest white waists of the season. Our second shipment just received and will go on sale Monday at, yard..... **65c**

Beautiful sheer French Lawns, Organdies, silk Persians, Batistes, Crystal Lawns, Pineapple Tissues in plain and fancy stripes for graduating dresses, up from, yard..... **35c**

CARPETS, RUGS

A tremendous business this spring brought out by this immense stock, this varied assortment and the prices that are unapproached by other dealers.

18 styles all-wool, extra super Ingrain Carpets to select from, patterns and colors to suit, from 20 to 75 yards in a piece. Our regular 70c carpet. Special closer at..... **49c**

14 patterns Tapestry Brussels, all good styles, new designs, new colors, borders to match, regular grade. Special closer..... **67c**

Another big invoice of domestic grass matting, a splendid dining room, library, hall and bedroom carpet. Special price..... **43c**

Size 9x12 ft. Tapestry Rug. This is the best quality of Tapestry Brussels Rug made, and sells regularly at \$18.00. Special April price..... **\$13.85**

Size 9x12 ft. Body Brussels Rugs, the highest grade in the market, duplicate of the finest Oriental designs and colors, regular \$23.00 special this quality..... **\$22.60**

Linings Save One-Third on Sheets, Cases Linens

Mercerized Taffeta for drop skirt lining, high luster as silk, and as light in weight. For Monday, 25c grade for..... **14c**

Pretty finish Percales, fast colors, the 25c kind..... **14c**

Linen canvas for facing, pure linen, 30c grade for..... **15c**

Shrank Duck, 20c grade for..... **10c**

Black Taffeta Skirt Lining, 20c grade for..... **10c**

French Hair Cloth, 40c grade for..... **20c**

A \$3,500 purchase of ready-made Sheets and Pillow Cases. This fortunate purchase was made 10 days ago by our New York buyer, who made an overstocked manufacturer net cash offer which was accepted. Ready-made Sheets and Pillow Cases at less than cost of material.

Ready-made Sheets, unbleached, for single beds, 64x90, fine grade, wide hem ready for use, 43c grade..... **32c**

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Ready-made Sheets, unbleached, 24x24, yards, also torn, not cut standard sheeting, 50c value, each..... **38c**

Ready-made Sheets, bleached, 24x24, yards long, high grade, very fine and soft, also wide hem, 65c value, each..... **55c**

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